



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02734.0495-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Paul J. RUTHVEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 10/808,431) Examiner: Eric J. HUG
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Filed: March 25, 2004)
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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) Confirmation No.: 6967
DEGRADING A WEB IN THE MACHINE)
DIRECTION WHILE PRESERVING CROSS-)
MACHINE DIRECTION STRENGTH)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action mailed April 24, 2006 ("Final Office Action"), the period for response having been extended to August 24, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and further to the Interview Summary dated July 14, 2006 ("Interview Summary"), Applicants ask that the Office please consider the following remarks and arguments.